(c) what are the criteria, eligibility and qualifications fixed by the Ministry for selection of members to Standing Committee of Voluntary Organisations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI). (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

CONSTITUTION

A Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies for the Department of Pension and Pensioner's welfare was constituted on July 31, 1986 with a view to promoting the following objectives

(i) To provide a feedback on programme implementation of the Department,

(ii) To discuss and critically examine new policy initiatives, and

(iii) To mobilise voluntary effort to supplement the Government action

COMPOSITION

2 The composition of the Committee is as under

1 Dr Bool Chand, President, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, New Delhi

2 Shri Ripudaman Singh, Senior Vice President, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, New Dehli

3 Shri S S Ramachandran, Secretary General, All India Central Council of Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi

4 Shri B. S Vaze, General Secretary, All India P&T and Other Central Government Pensioners' Association (Main Centre), Pune

5. Shri M S Hinge, General Secretary, All India Retired Railwaymen's Federation, Bhusaval

6 Brig Ram Singh (Retd) President, Indian Ex-Services League, New Delhi.

7 Col. B S. Panwar (Retd.) Senior Vice President, Indian Ex-Services League, New Delhi

8 Maj Gen Budh Singh (Retd) President Haryana Ex-Services League, Rohtak, Haryana

9 Air Comdre. M S Dandekar (Retd) President, Maharashtra State Ex-Services League, Bombay.

10 Brig P K Nandagopal (Retd), President, Tamil Nadu State Ex-Services League, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

11 Brig B N Upadhyay (Retd), President, Bihar State Ex-Services League, Patna

The members of the Committee have been selected from the well-known and active organisations of the pensioners representing various interests like Railway pensioners, Ex-Servicemen, etc.

TENURE OF MEMBERS

3 The term of office of the members will be for a period of one year

OTHER MATTERS

4 The members are entitled to travelling allowance and daily allowance for attending the meetings of the Committee in accoradnce with the provisions of SR 190 and orders of the Government of India as issued from time to time

Construction of roof over railway platforms at Ordnance Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur

2274 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of roof to cover certain existing railway platforms at Ordnance Vehicle Factory at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh is behind schedule,

(b) what is the date of commencement of construction and the expected date of completion thereof, as according to the contract agreement of 1983-84;

(c) what are the reasons for slow progress, and

(d) what is the expected time of completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL). (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The scheduled date of commencement of construction and the expected date of completion were 1 1 84 and 1.1 85 respectively, as per the work order issued

(c) and (d) The total construction involves 5 platforms of which construction over 3 platforms has been completed and the construction over the fourth is in an advanced stage of completion The construction over the fifth is expected to be completed by March, 1987. The construction had to be taken up in a phased mannor since the available space is also used for keeping material and as such the site was available in part at a time

Construction of working shed and parking site at Ordnance factory, Jabalpur

2275 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of Hard standing, washing shed and parking site at Ordnance Factory, Jabalpur, in Madhya Pradesh, which was expected to be completed by October, 1985, is still in progress,

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard, and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL). (a) Yes, Madam.

The construction of Hard standing| washing shed|parking site at Vehicle Factory Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh was expected to be completed by 4 Dec. 85 as per the Administrative Approval issued on 4.8 83. The work is still under progress.

(b) The site is an active area of the factory and has to be concurrently used for production purposes

(c) It is likely to be completed by 31 3 87.

Offer of F-20 technologies for the light Combat aircraft by Mls. Northrop of U S.

2276. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether M|s. Northrop of US have offered F-20 technologies for India's Light Combat Aircraft, as reported in the Indian Express of 23rd August, 1986; if so, whether any deal has been finalised if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) when the Light Combat Aircraft is likely to come out of production lines and the nature of costs involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) No, Sir

(b) Delivery of production aircraft is likely to commence by 1994 It is premature at this stage to give a break up of aircraft costs

Starting of Janavani programme for State Governments

2277 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start Janavani programme for the State Governments where the facilities of regional TV Centres and Studios are existing; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The present plan of inter-